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In response to a complaint from the proprietor of a neighboring property and business, this writer inspected the site at 1322 North Western Avenue. This site was the scene of a fire and resulting immediate removal action. The immediate action addressed surface, external contamination of streets, sidewalks, and an alley near the facility. Mr. Robert Halec of the City of Chicago met me on the site.

We found no physical evidence of liquid leakage from the fire destroyed building onto a sidewalk (common) between the two buildings. However, the rear of the fire destroyed property had been broken into and was unsecured and accessible in two different locations. Moreover, in the area where the fire actually started and which sustained the bulk of fire related damage, fire debris including 55 gallon drums remained on site. This is in conflict with an oral agreement between this writer, the facility owner, and attendees at that meeting (see attachment).

These topics were raised in a brief discussion with Mr. Roger Grimes of the Office of Regional Counsel (ORC). Mr. Grimes committed to contacting the owner's attorney to address these concerns.

cc: Grimes  
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